

MISSION

The mission of CTTC, in partnership with the State and travel industry, is to promote California as one of the world's premier travel destinations, in order to increase revenue and tourism employment within California.

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The CTTC will be the recognized source, in partnership with the State and travel industry, for statewide marketing planning and implementation, and information and support to California's vast travel and tourism industry, thereby maintaining California's position as one of the world's pre-eminent travel and tourism destinations.

FY 2008 Marketing Strategies – CTTC Integrated Plan Summary Matrix

	PRIMARY MARKETS	NATIONAL MARKETS	SEASONAL COVERAGE	INTERNATIONAL MARKETS	TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM
	Protect and maintain volume in primary domestic markets.	Reach visitors within national opportunity markets through awareness-building brand programs.	Expand marketing beyond seasonal coverage to drive year-round visitation.	Deepen efforts in primary international markets through multi-tiered audience approach.	Create a technology platform to leverage the California brand character and provide additional avenues for consumer reach.
ADVERTISING	 Maintain top-of-mind awareness through advertising Continue to develop strong "call-to- action" partnerships Airlines 	 Focus on markets with greatest opportunity for growth Emphasize California brand promise (diverse lifestyle/fun) 	 Extend media buy from 3 to 6 months ✓ Winter flight: October through November ✓ Spring/Summer flight: February through May 	 Launch consumer advertising in 1-2 primary int'l markets Develop baseline brand research and messaging strategies 	 Emphasize website as call-to-action in all advertising Create micro-sites for key advertising initiatives
TECHNOLOGY	 Enhanced website content ✓ Itineraries (themed and region-oriented) ✓ Proximity maps with driving distances/times Email communications ✓ Trip inspiration/reasons to plan "getaway" 	 Enhanced website content ✓ Itineraries (themed and region-oriented) ✓ Proximity maps with driving distances/times Email communications ✓ Trip inspiration/reasons to visit 	 Develop quarterly e-newsletter with trip inspiration/reasons to visit and direct call-to-action Integrate snow website into visitcalifornia.com (primary domain) along with "winter vacation ideas" 	 Develop website presence for all primary and secondary markets Employ search engine optimization (SEO) plan for each site, with heavier content depth in primary high volume markets 	
PUBLICATIONS	Continue relationship with publishing partner for Western distribution of drives guide	Continue to distribute visitor guides to all domestic markets		Create local language versions for primary international markets	 Develop distribution method to push content via email and wireless handheld devices ✓ Weather feeds ✓ Surf and snow reports
COOPERATIVE MARKETING	 Develop key partnerships that extend reach/penetration and deliver a call-to-action (e.g. Southwest Airlines) Create co-op marketing programs that increase visitors to California 	 Develop category partnerships (clothing, auto, etc.) with aligned brands to California Continue to develop California Rewards, giving consumers a specific incentive for travel Develop new incentive-based programs to drive visitation 	Continue Snow co-op program, with focus on advertising in key markets	Lead with co-op marketing in most primary markets, with emphasis on partnership development to foster brand alignment and reach to target visitor base (e.g. Travel Channel – UK)	Partner with category leaders in technology to enhance California's brand alignment with technology
COMMUNICATIONS	Cultivate media relationships and editorial focus on the "lesser known" attributes of California	 Continue to develop media relationships within key national opportunity markets Include press releases to Spanish language publications in Miami, Chicago, New York, Texas and California 	 Pitch stories around all seasons of visitation Target publications that focus on key state differentiators (e.g. wine/food, outdoor recreation, spa) 	 Continue to lead with cultivation of media relationships, outreach programs and FAMs Include specific elements of state appeal (e.g. wine/food, shopping, national parks) 	
TRAVEL TRADE		Participate in two domestic trade shows NTA and ABA		 Focus on markets where travel trade is a key influencer of vacation choice (e.g. Travel Agents – Japan) Continue to participate in key trade show events that support primary markets – WTM, Jata, Expo Vacciones, ITB, Pow Wow, CTM and SeeAmerica/Australia 	